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Mrs. J. E. CHALK and Family desire to THANK their numerous friends for expressions of sympathy, and beg them to accept this intimation of their gratitude.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 17TH, 1906.

We note that the London Times is advised that the most trustworthy guide to the real significance of modern Chinese movements is to be found in Japanese opinion, and we need not quarrel with this so long as it is understood that it is Japanese opinion that is offered, and not some foreign resident's opinion of what Japanese opinion ought to be. The Japanese newspapers are said to complain that the recent edicts from Peking do not touch the awkward division of Chinese and Manchus, and that the provincial governments of the Chinese Empire are not adequately brought under control. Other papers are quoted also, as if it had not been the prevailing opinion of all properly-informed residents and neighbours that every recent Chinese decree must be regarded with more scepticism than sympathy. That this should have become a traditional attitude to their "reforms," the Chinese have only themselves to blame. It is not altogether a fair or reasonable attitude to maintain, on the face of it, but those with practical acquaintance of the Chinese genius and policy have had too many warnings to be led away from the cold criticism that looks unkind and prejudiced. Their cynicism is not contemptuous, but inevitable mistrust, and the double chorus

of hysteria coming from yellow peril people on the one hand, and from mendacious optimists on the other, was bound to make the tone of their comments less charitable to China than might otherwise have been the case. There can be no real reform, we fear, till the whole old breed of officials have joined their ancestors in their innocuous sphere of usefulness, and till a new generation fully aware of the principles and potentialities of the Western century, has arisen in their place. The mere reduction of the present official personnel at Peking, desiderated by some contemporaries, will not bring about the real reforms they hope for. Not reduction, but extinction, seems to us the essential preliminary. Then the Japanese are certainly justified in indexing the Manchu-contradictions distinction as fatal to any real reform on the lines wished for. In the redistribution effected by the recent edicts, it is admitted that the Manchus have received more than their share of good things, while the huge abuse of the Manchu pension list and a superfluity of ornamental Court functionaries are retained. In addition to this awkward cleavage, there remains the undoubted fact that Chinese and Manchu "reformers" alike are working to a standard quite unlike that of the foreign critic's imagination. Their objects are not the objects of the stranger at their gate; in very important respects they are essentially opposite and hostile. The foreign visitor recommends reform to make more pleasant his visit; the native reformer sets about reforming in the lively hope that the visitor may be induced to shorten his visit. In such perfectly well recognized circumstances, it is not so unreasonable to suggest that "there is a conspicuous feature in these changes which suggests that they may be inspired by other motives and utilized for other ends than the promotion of good government" or to mention as "a shrewd suspicion" the common opinion of competent observers that "the so-called reform movement is mainly an anti-foreign movement, in the eyes both of the Court and of Young China." So, as the Times remarks, "it is certainly a view which deserves consideration and suggests caution in determining our own attitude towards these alleged reforms which, whatever else they may do, will certainly affect our interests very deeply." It is a pity that there should now be such an influential party, being outside China, yet on mistaken ethical grounds conspires for Chinese interests and against our own.

The trial has begun of Mr. Harry Thaw, on the charge of murdering Mr. Stanford White, in July last.

The Volunteers are to have a field day on February 13th (Chinese New Year). The annual inspection by H.E. the General Officer Commanding takes place on March 30th.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint T. Sorombo Smith, Police Magistrate, to act as Colonial Secretary, with effect from 15th December, and Mr. A. B. Ogilvie, Lieutenant, Royal Engineers, to be his Aide-de-Camp, with effect from the same date.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., agents for the E.A. S.S. Co., have received word from the Sydney office that the s.s. *Australian* which stranded at Vashon Head, Northern Territory, has been abandoned as a total loss. Part of the mails and some of the cargo were transferred to the s.s. *Chingta*.

An item for bacteriosophers. One of the medical papers now states that "the cause of many septic conditions can be traced to the dangerous, and we might say, deadly tooth brush." You brush your teeth to keep them clean, and the teeth make the brush dangerous to use. In this world one cannot do right without doing wrong, it appears.

The Gazette notifies that a memorial of re-entry by the Government of Lot No. 30, in Survey District II, New Kowloon, has been registered according to law, and that the cancellation of memorial of re-entry by the Crown of New Kowloon Survey District I, Lot No. 531, has been registered according to law.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Edgar Prestage, the chief English authority on Portuguese literature, and Christina Vaz de Carvalho Crespo, of Lisbon and Cascaes, only daughter of the post Goncalves Crespo and Maria Amalia Vaz de Carvalho, the best-known authoress in Portuguese-speaking countries.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances—Ordinance No. 9 of 1906, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Lunacy Ordinance, 1906; Ordinance No. 10 of 1906, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the New Territories Land Ordinance, 1906; Ordinance No. 11 of 1906, entitled—An Ordinance to transfer to the General Revenue certain sums forming part of the Praya Reclamation Fund; Ordinance No. 12 of 1906, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.

New tables which are to be incorporated in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, providing regulations for the licensing, management, control, etc. of small craft, are published in the Gazette.

A dispatch from Lima, Peru, says:—An export duty on silver coin is being discussed, in view of the rise in the price of silver. Although there is no law authorizing such action, the Government refused to permit a local bank to forward 12,000 silver-soles (a sol is worth about 68 United States cents—24, 10d.) to London, and the baggage of persons leaving the country is searched, and any silver exceeding ten soles in amount is seized.

The P. and O. s.s. *Santa* which arrived in port on Saturday brought among other passengers Brigadier General Broadwood, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Hongkong and South China. On arrival of the *Santa* the General was met on board by Colonel Darling and his staff, who brought him ashore in the Governor's launch and escorted him to the Hongkong Hotel where he will reside until the repairs to Headquarters House are completed.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. (retired), Assistant Harbour Master, to be Harbour Master, Marine Magistrate, Emigration and Customs Officer, Registrar of Shipping, Superintendent of Gunpowder Dept., Collector of Light Dues and Superintendent of Imports and Exports in this Colony in succession to the late L. A. W. Barnes-Lawrence, Captain, R.N. (retired), with effect from the 5th inst.

The "Terrible," cruiser, arrived safely at Plymouth with the full crew of the "Astoria," "Albatross," "Prometheus," and several destroyers on the China Station. She assumed most of the way from Hongkong to Malta with one propeller, having lost her starboard propeller about 500 miles from Hongkong. The "Terrible" also had on board the Colonial Defence Committee, which had been inspecting the fortifications of Hongkong, Malta, and Gibraltar. After disembarking ratings for Devonport, the vessel proceeded to Portsmouth.

Gun practice will be carried out by the Military Authorities as follows:—On Monday, the 17th December: From Lyemun, in a north-easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 p.m., and finishing at 9 p.m. On Thursday, the 21st December: From Stonecutters, in a westerly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 p.m., and finishing at 9 p.m. On Monday, the 31st December: From Lyemun, in a north-easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 6.30 p.m., and finishing at 9 p.m.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary published on Saturday notified that His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, having left the Colony that day, the prescribed Oaths of Office were administered by His Honour the Chief Justice in the presence of the Executive Council to the Honourable Mr. Francis Henry May, Companion of the said Most Distinguished Order and Colonial Secretary of the Colony, and that Mr. May thereupon assumed the Administration of the Government in virtue of His Majesty's Commission given at the Court at St. James's on the fourteenth day of October, 1903.

So far, although many things have been done in the course of the suffragettes' campaign which will not soon be forgotten, nothing has been said which will live in the history of Parliamentary oratory. The wailing cry, "Votes for Women," has been heard in the House, but that will hardly be recorded in the official reports of the debates. Years ago the question of women's rights did give us a most and rather wicked addition to the store which the House loves to treasure. The future Lord Chief Justice Coleridge had made a very charming speech in favour of the ladies. His silvery tones and great scholarship always fascinated, if they did not convince, the House. Here he had made a great impression. It was dissipated in an instant when the witty Sergeant Dowse jumped up and said, "My honourable and learned friend seems to think that because some judges are old women all old women should be judges."

The Japanese Ambassador (Baron Komura) presided last month over a crowded meeting of the Japan Society. Lord Redesdale read a paper on "A Tale of Old and New Japan," and gave a graphic description of that country during the last 50 years. In moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, he said that they knew Baron Komura as the author of one of the greatest, wisest, and most diplomatic instruments that had ever been produced. It was reserved for him to put the final seal of magnanimity on the great triumphs of Togo, Kuroki, and the others. Baron Komura, in reply, said that during his stay in England he had accepted the presidency of the society. He was not a stranger to it, for he used to enjoy its meetings in Tokyo. He fully appreciated the value of its work in fostering and increasing the mutual knowledge of the English and Japanese peoples. That mutual knowledge was no doubt one of the great links in the bond which at present united the two countries in close friendship. The Japanese people were anxious to preserve and strengthen that friendship, and had full confidence in the readiness of the English people to reciprocate their desire. He sincerely hoped and believed that the work of the society would continue to be as useful as it had been in the past.

Mr. Secretary Metcalf, who was sent to San Francisco by President Roosevelt to try to make peace as regards Americans and Japanese in that city, before leaving San Francisco, confided to a few intimate friends that he had no hope that the San Francisco Board of Education would recede from its position and that the sentiment of the people of San Francisco, if not of California generally, was opposed to allowing Japanese or Chinese children to mingle freely with Caucasian children in the public schools. Mr. Metcalf, who is himself a Californian, is further credited with the statement that it was his opinion, as a lawyer, "The treaty between the United States and Japan guaranteed to the children of Japanese residents in America the right to education in the public schools without discrimination and on an equal plane with the children of the most-favoured nations." He added that he would so report to President Roosevelt.

The Russian Press of the Far East contains some interesting accounts relative to the "actual state of affairs." Thus, the *Ussuriiskii Zhurnal* says that the Japanese are doing exactly what they like in that region, and that they are advancing gradually into Northern Manchuria with a view to cutting off Vladivostok from the land, while they are building fortresses on the coast. However, it appears that the Russians are beginning to take steps to meet the Japanese in their activity. The *Harbinetski Vestnik* announces that the Commander of the combined Army Corps has issued an Army Order for plans and maps of Manchuria to be made carefully and all needed corrections are to be pointed out. The military authorities are busy at work completing the body of officers in the Far East. The *Daily Volok* says that they have decided to restrict the removal of officers from Manchuria and Siberia to European Russia while with a view to inducing officers to offer themselves for service in the Far East the privileges and favours accorded to officers serving in the Far East are to be extended. The United States Government has established a General Consulate and a Vice-Consulate at Mukden.

## THE WESTMINSTER GLEE SINGERS.

The Westminster Glee Singers, who were expected last week to give a series of entertainments, made their first appearance, on the present visit, in the City Hall last night when they gave a most successful concert before a fair audience. The delay in the arrival of the party is explained by the fact that the tender in which they left Winton to join the mail steamer grounded in the mud. They had to remain there all night and in consequence lost the steamer. After hearing these talented singers one feels that the eulogiums already passed on them are none too high. Every member is an artist, with a magnificent voice admirably trained. The choruses were delightful. The voices blended beautifully and the articulation was perfect. In the quindels and quartets the result was the same—a charming harmony, while the solo numbers were outstanding. This was particularly true of the singing of the youngest member of the party, whose organ voice of remarkable compass, was heard to great advantage in his several appearances. Madame Hooton was a *persona grata* and she had to respond to a number of encores. Her solos were charmingly sung, perhaps her best effort being the Scotch melody "The wish of the exile to be in 'the lonely shieling on the hill'."

## THE KOWLOON DOCK TRAGEDY.

The funeral of Mr. John R. Craik took place on Saturday afternoon. The body was taken from the Mortuary by launch to Observation Pier, where the cortege was joined by a large number of mourners and sympathisers. Messrs. Ratley, Lapsley, Barker, Nicholls, Crawford and J. Gomes were pall bearers, and among those who followed were Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. Wm. Wilson, T. I. Rose, Robert Mitchell and H. Smith, with practically the whole of the Dock staff. The Rev. A. J. Stevens officiated at the grave side and pronounced the committal sentences. There were many floral tributes. Great sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Craik and her family in their bereavement.

Though the police have been busy, they have not yet succeeded in tracing the murderer.

## SCANDINAVIAN MONARCHS.

Our remarkable telegram of Saturday morning, announcing that the Swedish and Norwegian monarchs were paying a simultaneous visit to Berlin, is best explained by the following hint from the Telegraph Company:—"We have received information to the effect that the word 'ill' should be inserted after 'Oscar.' The message now reads 'King Oscar ill Norwegian' etc. We do not expect any further correction."

Thus there was nothing of political moment at all. King Oscar was ill; the King and Queen of Norway had gone to Berlin; that was all. We regret to learn since that the Swedish monarch's illness is considered dangerous.

It is not always safe to judge other people's intentions by what they accomplish.

No more scolar can ever accomplish anything. The man who believes that nobody is honest is certainly a rascal himself. He had to be, to find out.

To encourage children by example, associations, happy environment and every rational form of indulgence, one unconsciously benefits humanity in general. The future of all countries depends upon its children, and their success depends largely upon their early influences and associations.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## DUBIOUS BRITISH LAW.

LONDON, December 16th.

The House of Lords has reversed the Appeal Court's judgment in the West Riding case.

## RUBBER COUNTRY ANNEXED.

LONDON, December 16th.

Belgium has decided to annex the Congo.

## RECORD MASS MEETING AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, December 16th.

A record mass meeting of men and women to-day witnessed the formal transfer of the Anti-Footbinding Society to the control of a purely Chinese committee.

## THE EDUCATION BILL.

LONDON, December 16th.

The House of Commons, by 416 to 107, has decided to reject the House of Lords' amendments on this.

## THE TRADES DISPUTES BILL.

LONDON, December 16th.

The Trades Disputes Bill has passed the Committee stage in the House of Lords.

## THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

LONDON, December 16th.

Mr. Glavin has submitted to the Senate a resolution recommending negotiations with Japan, with a view to modifying the treaty prohibiting the entrance of Japanese coolies.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION IN FRANCE.

LONDON, December 16th.

At the instance of M. Fichon, the Chamber has adopted a resolution to gradually substitute secular for religious schools in the East.

## GERMANY.

LONDON, December 16th.

The Reichstag has rejected, by 178 to 168, the supplementary estimates of Mk. 30,000,000, for the rebellion in South-West Africa. Immediately upon the rejection, Prince von Buelow read an Imperial message dissolving the Reichstag, before a vote was taken, after which he appealed strongly to the patriotism of the House.

## THE TRANSVAAL CONSTITUTION.

LONDON, December 16th.

Letters patent, embodying the Transvaal Constitution have been issued. The provisions are the same as sketched by Mr. Winston Churchill on the 31st July last.

## ILLNESS OF THE KING OF SWEDEN.

LONDON, December 16th.

The King of Sweden is seriously ill and the Crown Prince has been appointed Regent.

## THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, December 16th.

The Merchants Shipping Bill and the Trades Dispute Bill have been read a third time, and the Workman's Compensation Bill, a second time in the House of Lords.

## PIRACY IN THE CANTON DELTA.

In the House of Commons on November 9th.

Mr. Bellairs having asked whether any representations have been received by the Foreign Office, or addressed by the Foreign Office to the Admiralty, concerning the increase of piracy on the China Station, and whether the Chinese Government are actively co-operating with a view to the suppression of these lawless proceedings, Mr. Ransome, on behalf of Sir E. Grey, says:—Communications have passed between the Admiralty and Foreign Office on this subject. The commanding officers of His Majesty's ships on the West River are being called upon to report periodically on the state of security of traffic on the waterways in the neighbourhood of Canton, and from time to time to suggest such improvements as may appear to them desirable in the plans devised for keeping piracy in check. The question is now engaging the attention of the Commander-in-Chief. The Chinese Government have sent very stringent instructions to the Canton Viceroy as to the necessity of suppressing piracy.

## THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE.

ACTING GOVERNOR SWORN IN.

On Saturday by the P. and O. s.s. *Despatch* H.E. the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, left the Colony for a trip to Java on the advice of his medical advisers. His Excellency proceeds to Singapore by the *Despatch*, and from thence to Java he will continue his voyage on H.M.S. *Diadem*. He was accompanied by Captain Colman, A.D.C., Mr. R.A.B. Ponsbury, his private secretary, and Sister Stoddart of the Government Civil Hospital. By advice of his medical attendants, his departure was as private and quiet as possible.

At the Legislative Council Chamber on Saturday afternoon the formal ceremony of swearing in the Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., as acting Governor took place. The oath was administered by Sir Francis Pigott, the Chief Justice, in the presence of Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Hon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. A. Selh, Mrs. Atkinson and Miss Carr. Mr. Fletcher, the Clerk of Councils, first read the Royal Warrant of Mr. May's appointment, the latter taking the oath of allegiance and the oath of office as Governor of the Colony and Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces, and then signing the necessary documents which were sealed by the Chief Justice.

His Excellency then said:—Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sure that you all share with me heartfelt regret at the unfortunate circumstances under which I am called upon to take the post of Governor. I feel certain that each of us here today have no desire nearer our hearts than that His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan may return from his short holiday unfatigued and restored in health and energy.

## FORMALITY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

We are requested to state that during the Governor's absence His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will not reside at Government House, and that it is unnecessary for residents in the Colony, and others, who have already written their names at Government House during the current year, to call upon the Officer Administering the Government or upon Mrs. May as wife of the Officer Administering the Government. Those who have not already called at Government House and wish to do so will be good enough to write their names in the Governor's book which is still kept there.

## SHIP LAUNCH AT KOWLOON.

NEW SUBSIDIZED STEAMER.

The invitations which many people received to join "the trial trip" of the s.s. *Perle* on Saturday were premature, and due to a clerical error in selecting the stereotyped invitation form. The *Perle* did make a trip, one that is often somewhat of a trial, but it was down the narrow ways that led to the second baptism. First baptized with wine, she at once, as the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson happily said, takes to water and sticks to it ever after. It was, then, really for a launch that comely-garbed ladies, and sprightly-attired gentlemen picked their way through the wilderness of iron and steel at the Kowloon Docks on Saturday afternoon, eyeing curiously on their way to the platform the mangled remains of the French destroyer *Franche*, and wondering, for the most part, how on earth even the Dock Company could haul such seemingly fatal wounds as the *Typhoon* had made.

On the stem of a broad-beamed but shapely hull was suspended a small bottle of wine. After a whispered colloquy with Mr. Mitchell, manager of the Kowloon Docks, Mrs. Wilks seized the bottle, a whistle sounded, a few hammer strokes were heard, an excited exclamation from somewhere below, and the stem, towering some eight or nine feet above the crowd, slightly shivered, as does a batter before the first plunge of the season. The lady lunged the bottle, the contents foamed over the slowly receding bows and then, in a tense half minute, the waters of Kowloon Bay divided to welcome the newcomer.

"Sits nicely," an expert remarked, and the company trooped off to the recreation hall, to complete the ceremony in customary form. About a large table was waited the toast of "success to the *Perle*," which, Mr. Mitchell said, was the first of the series to be built at Kowloon, where three others are in progress, although similar craft had been built at the Cosmopolitan branch of the Works. They, however, were of wood; this was of steel. It was a stern wheeler, built to the order of Messrs. Wilks and Jack for Messrs. Roque, for the Tonkin River Subsidized Mail Service. It is 146 feet long, 24 feet broad, and draws only about two feet, as it must traverse many shallows. It will comfortably house thirty first-class passengers, and carry many scores beside. Its engines are "compound surfaces condensing," of 200 horse power, and to develop a ten knot speed, its future ways lie between Haiphong and the Chinese frontier. Its completion had not been much delayed, considering all the difficulties with which the Dock Co. had had to cope; certainly no time had been wasted. Mr. Mitchell handed Mrs. Wilks a gold curb bracelet as a memento of the successful launching.

Mr. Jack expressed the satisfaction of his own firm, and on behalf of Mr. Roque, handed Mrs. Wilks a pearl ring. There were also congratulations by Mr. Wilks. The whole ceremony was over in a few minutes, and many of the company had the experience of one of life's quick transitions from gay to grave, falling in with the sad company that was bearing the remains of the murdered Mr. Craik to the Happy Valley.



## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

## MORE CATTLE INFECTED.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held on Saturday afternoon at the Board Room. Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (vice-president) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. A. W. Bregin (Registrar-General), Lieut. Colonel Reid, R.A.M.C., and Messrs. H. Humphreys, Fung Wai-chun and G. A. Woodcock (secretary).

The meeting was called to consider a report from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Gibson, which read:—I beg to report that the sick cows at the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam, in No. 5 shed, have been destroyed according to the Board's instructions, buried in lime and the shed destroyed. I regret also to have to report that the disease has now extended to the next shed, 20 yards away. In this shed there are 82 animals; of these two are sick. I have had these taken out of the shed and put in No. 5 shed where the disease just appeared. I have closed new No. 6 shed provisionally and recommend that the Board declare it infected, as in the case of No. 5. I beg to ask for authority to engage two watchmen to ensure that no communication exists between the infected shed and the others. To limit the spread of the disease the following steps have been taken:—Every shed on the farm has been considered as infected and every shed is kept locked with the cow boys inside, and a fresh lot of boys used to carry milk from the sheds and bring food to the cows. The cattle at "Midway" have been removed to Sassoon's village and housed in temporary quarters. The cattle are therefore divided into two lots with a mile distance between them.

The Chairman said he regretted to have to record that the outbreak of rinderpest at Pokfulam was extending to other sheds at the Dairy Farm; and that could only mean that the measures being taken would prevent any further spread. He did not see how they could not otherwise than declare No. 6 shed infected, and grant the requested authority to the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon to engage the necessary watchmen, and moved accordingly.

Mr. H. Humphreys seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Gibson, who entered the Board Room before the motion was carried, furnished members with particulars concerning the previous outbreak and the measures adopted to cope with it, and further commented on the peculiar fact that a Chinese dairy right in the centre of the Dairy Farm property had been free from this disease for twenty-five years. He had tried to find out the reason, but had to be satisfied with what the Chinese dairyman told him:—"Blong my very good joss; I make chiu-chin."

Hon. Mr. Bregin said it would be inadvisable to recommend the slaughter of the two infected cattle in No. 6 shed in view of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's experiments in serum injection, and as other members were of the same opinion, no such recommendation was made.

## INDIANS AGAIN IN EVIDENCE.

## ANOTHER ROBBERY AT KOWLOON.

The New Territory is rapidly acquiring a reputation equal to that of the neighbouring turbulent province of China. The offenders against law and order, however, are not all natives. Of late, the Indian element has been much in evidence, and from their misdeeds it would appear that quite a number of them have "turned out." Only a few days ago it was reported in these columns how a band of five Indians held up two richa coolies near Kowloon City and relieved them of their belongings. Now it would appear that three of these men have been the perpetrators of a second highway robbery, and again unfortunately they have escaped, although after their last experience it is possible that they will not be so bold in the future.

Their last attack was on a matchless builder named Leung See who resides on the Saihung Road, Kowloon. In his statement to the Police Leung said he left off Kowloon in a ricksha at about 7.30 p.m. on Friday. His journey to Tishuk-shu was uneventful, but shortly after passing this place three Indians suddenly sprang out of the bushes by the roadside and held up his ricksha. The robbers, who were all dressed in white, carried large sticks as weapons of offence and defence. They first attempted to frighten the ricksha puller, a task apparently requiring very little effort, for on the first opportunity the coolie dived into the scrub and was seen no more.

Then attention was directed to the fire. One of the robbers secured Leung See's queue, while another, seizing him by the arms dragged him from the ricksha and the third man proceeded to search him. Finding money in his girdle he promptly relieved him of it. Evidently the Chinaman did not submit quietly to being thus impudently robbed, and it must have been the noise he made which attracted the attention of a European constable in the vicinity. The policeman ran to the scene of the robbery; but, when some distance off, was observed by the Indians; who thereupon dashed into the scrub. The constable, however, pulling out his revolver, made after one of them, and just as the Indian was disappearing among the bushes, fired at him, without any apparent result. The shot brought two Indian constables on the scene, and although they accompanied the European in pursuit of the robbers, the latter were not seen again. As the hour of this attack was also after sunset, neither the ricksha coolie nor the man who was robbed can identify the highwaymen, but both are certain that they were Indians.

When the news of this outrage was reported at Yuenai Police Station Inspector MacDonnell promptly despatched men in search of the robbers, and as a result of this search an Indian has been arrested on suspicion and conveyed to the Central Police Station where he will be detained for the purpose of identification. The robbers relieved their victim of \$25, a receipt for \$70 and other valuables, a much more profitable haul than that which was secured from the two unfortunate richa coolies last week.

## NEW VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS.

## OPENING FESTIVITIES.

On Saturday afternoon the new Volunteer Headquarters were opened, not with the formal ceremony in which it was expected H. E. the Governor would take the leading part, but with a pleasant "at home" which was graced by the presence of ladies. The building certainly looks well. It may not be quite so imposing in appearance as some expected, but it is adequate for the needs of the Corps. The Public Works Department was charged with the undertaking, the official directly concerned with the work being Mr. A. C. Little, and though the completion has been considerably delayed, the difficulties lately familiar to most contractors will doubtless furnish the explanation. While there can be no two opinions that the new headquarters are adequate, the same cannot be said of the quarters provided for Sergeant-Major Higby. They are neat and fairly well endowed with conveniences, but they cannot be described as commodious. Financial reasons probably account for the restrictions imposed on the architect in this direction.

Situated at the corner of Garden Road, and Lower Albert Road, the Volunteer Headquarters occupies a position that is picturesque and has the further advantage of being in a central and convenient locality. The front has a granite base, surmounted by brick walls, covered in rough cast. The entrance is by way of a short stairway. This leads directly to the meeting room on the left and the bar on the right. The former, which is beautifully situated, overlooking the roadway, is well lighted and well appointed. Lavatories and other conveniences are found at the side. A rather narrow stairway leads to the office. The Commandant's accommodation is in a very roomy and well-lighted apartment, which has been furnished in very commodious taste. Beside this is the sergeant-major's office, and beyond is the officers' mess, in the south-eastern corner of the building. This is a beautiful room and it is heartily furnished. The Drill Hall, which after all is the raison d'être of the building, is large and lofty and seems to have sufficient accommodation for drilling Volunteers there when the weather is unsuitable for open air practices. The hall is 65 feet long and 52 feet wide. The roof is supported by steel trusses brought from England, the span measuring 52 feet. The entrance from the Parade Ground is decidedly classic. It is flanked by Roman columns and the whole looks very imposing. Leading off the Drill Hall are the billiard room and the sergeants' mess, with verandah. In the former is a handsome table, on which all games may be played at remarkably cheap rates. It should be mentioned that portraits of former Commandants and Corps record boards, giving the results of the different competitions, adorn the walls, while an additional touch of the picturesque is supplied by the spears and other weapons which are hung at various points.

The rifles and bayonets will be kept here in an ingenious arrangement made by Staff Armourer Sergeant Aronall, while the ammunition will be placed in the stores outside, not far from the canteen quarters. Underneath the Drill Hall, and reached by a side entrance, is the gun shed where the maxims will be stored and where the armourer's workshop will be. The premises are lit throughout with electricity, and are admirably designed. As is well known, Major Pritchard has made this work his own, and it must be particularly gratifying to him to see his hopes realised before he relinquishes the command which he has held with credit to himself and honour to the Corps.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men played the parts of hosts to a fair company on Saturday afternoon. The visitors were not unimpressed in their expressions of admiration for the new headquarters, of which the members of the Corps may justly be proud, and their pleasure was enhanced by the hospitality provided. The Band of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment was present and played enjoyable selections, while in the refreshment tent erected on the Parade Ground creature comforts were well attended to. On the whole, the inauguration of the new premises was decidedly successful.

## CHINESE POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.

In the House of Commons on November 12th, Mr. Lunsdale asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether his attention had been called to the creation of a new Board of Communications in China, which was to have control of the postal service, which had been an integral part of the Imperial Maritime Customs, under Sir Robert Hart; and whether he had represented to the Chinese Government the risk of serious deterioration to the service in transferring the control from the Maritime Customs to an untried native administration.

Mr. Runciman, who replied, said:—A new Board of Communications has, we understand, been created, with control over railways, telegraphs, and postal administration. No change, we are informed, is thereby introduced in the present system of postal administration, but the Maritime Customs will be under the Board of Communications, in respect of postal matters, in the same way as it is under the Revenue Council for Customs matters, and under the War Office for foreign questions, and the Board of Revenue for appropriations of revenue.

Mr. Finlay (Kerry, N.)—Will the hon. gentleman say how many Chinese are on the register in Mid Arunagh? (Laughter.)

A large scroll calendar of exquisite design and faultless Japanese workmanship has reached us from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The scroll date blocks intermingled with Japanese pictures which adorn the lower portion of the calendar add to the artfulness of the central picture, one of the Company's steamers shown in a large clam shell. Another supply of useful block calendars has been received from Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann and Co., local agents for the Aschen and Munich Fire Insurance Co.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE "A" v. MR. CHAWKLEY'S TEAM. Played on the Civil Service ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, this friendly match ended in a win for the visitors by three wickets and 53 runs. Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE "A" TEAM.	MR. CHAWKLEY'S TEAM.
Jordan, c. Robert, b. Burrows..... 3	Jordan, c. Robert, b. Burrows..... 3
Dawson, b. Burrows..... 15	Dawson, b. Burrows..... 15
Bolton, c. Hunter, b. Burrows..... 10	Bolton, c. Hunter, b. Burrows..... 10
Adams, c. Arzo, b. Burrows..... 5	Adams, c. Arzo, b. Burrows..... 5
Radcock, b. Burrows..... 1	Radcock, b. Burrows..... 1
Clothing, c. Hunter, b. Burrows..... 0	Clothing, c. Hunter, b. Burrows..... 0
Haggard, b. Burrows..... 8	Haggard, b. Burrows..... 8
Kelly, b. Burrows..... 10	Kelly, b. Burrows..... 10
Tucker, c. and b. Chawckley..... 2	Tucker, c. and b. Chawckley..... 2
Combs, c. English, b. Burrows..... 11	Combs, c. English, b. Burrows..... 11
Stearns, not out..... 6	Stearns, not out..... 6
Extras..... 7	Extras..... 7

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	OVERS.	MAIDENS.	WICKETS.
Sgt. Burrows..... 11	2	28	8
Sgt. Chawckley..... 3	1	13	1
Sgt. Chawckley..... 2	1	27	1
Sgt. Arzo..... 2	1	3	0
CHAWCKLEY'S TEAM.			
Sgt. Harford, c. Haggard, b. Jordan..... 31			
Sgt. Foster, not out..... 13			
Dr. Roberts, b. Radcock, b. Burrows..... 69			
L. C. English, b. Bolton..... 7			
Sgt. Arzo, c. Bolton, b. Burrows..... 9			
Sgt. Hunt, c. Tucker, b. Radcock..... 2			
Q. Sgt. English, not out..... 6			
Sgt. Burrows, c. Tucker, b. Haggard..... 3			
Sgt. Moore, c. Arzo, not out, b. Chawckley..... 23			
Int. Extras..... 5			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	OVERS.	MAIDENS.	WICKETS.
Jordan..... 6	1	33	1
Haggard..... 6	1	37	2
Bolton..... 5	1	24	3
Combs..... 2	1	9	1

HONGKONG RESERVES v. ROYAL ENGINEERS. This league match was played on the ground of the Hongkong Club on Saturday, the result being an easy win for the Reserves by six wickets and 59 runs. Scores were:—

HONGKONG RESERVES.	ROYAL ENGINEERS.
G. H. Edwards, b. Holland..... 8	G. H. Edwards, b. Holland..... 8
Dr. Roberts, not out..... 103	Dr. Roberts, not out..... 103
S. Moore, not out..... 2	S. Moore, not out..... 2
A. Mackenzie, c. Satterthwaite, b. Shingara..... 20	A. Mackenzie, c. Satterthwaite, b. Shingara..... 20
H. W. Coleman, c. S. L. L. b. Holland..... 15	H. W. Coleman, c. S. L. L. b. Holland..... 15
S. Robinson, c. S. L. L. b. Holland..... 23	S. Robinson, c. S. L. L. b. Holland..... 23
T. C. Gray, H. G. Wilson, R. S. A. S. Caldon, C. Scott and F. Bevington did not bat.	T. C. Gray, H. G. Wilson, R. S. A. S. Caldon, C. Scott and F. Bevington did not bat.
Extras..... 6	Extras..... 6
Total..... 171	Total..... 171
ROYAL ENGINEERS.	HONGKONG RESERVES.
Filler, b. Wilson..... 0	Filler, b. Wilson..... 0
Rowley, c. Borton..... 4	Rowley, c. Borton..... 4
Bodger, b. Wilson..... 0	Bodger, b. Wilson..... 0
Satterthwaite, c. Fowler..... 47	Satterthwaite, c. Fowler..... 47
Holland, not out..... 54	Holland, not out..... 54
Dawson, b. Wilson..... 0	Dawson, b. Wilson..... 0
Harris, b. Fowler..... 0	Harris, b. Fowler..... 0
Shingara, not out..... 7	Shingara, not out..... 7
Mumford, c. Edwards, did not bat.	Mumford, c. Edwards, did not bat.
Extras..... 12	Extras..... 12
Total..... 124	Total..... 124

CHARGEMASTER v. ARMY STAFF. This match was played on Saturday and resulted in a draw. The following are the scores and analysis:—

CHARGEMASTER.	ARMY STAFF.
S. M. O'Neill, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0	S. M. O'Neill, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0
Sgt. Woodruffe, b. Lammert..... 17	Sgt. Woodruffe, b. Lammert..... 17
Sgt. Stanley, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 48	Sgt. Stanley, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 48
Sgt. Steele, b. Lammert..... 0	Sgt. Steele, b. Lammert..... 0
Atkins, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0	Atkins, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0
Warner, b. Brown..... 0	Warner, b. Brown..... 0
Front, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 11	Front, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 11
R. Bass, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0	R. Bass, c. L. A. L. b. Lammert..... 0
Pte. Day, c. Lammert, b. Postonji..... 7	Pte. Day, c. Lammert, b. Postonji..... 7
Corp. Rogers, b. Postonji..... 1	Corp. Rogers, b. Postonji..... 1
Pte. Union, not out..... 0	Pte. Union, not out..... 0
Extras..... 5	Extras..... 5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	OVERS.	MAIDENS.	WICKETS.
Postonji..... 9.5	3	21	2
Lammert..... 7	2	28	3
Brown..... 2	1	27	5
Green..... 2	1	12	0

CHARGEMASTER.	ARMY STAFF.
A. O. Brown, c. Cousins, b. O'Neill..... 0	A. O. Brown, c. Cousins, b. O'Neill..... 0
J. L. Kinnaird, c. Lammert, b. O'Neill..... 0	J. L. Kinnaird, c. Lammert, b. O'Neill..... 0
Sgt. Steele, c. Warner, b. O'Neill..... 17	Sgt. Steele, c. Warner, b. O'Neill..... 17
L. E. Lammert, c. b. O'Neill..... 0	L. E. Lammert, c. b. O'Neill..... 0
R. B. Cooper, c. Stanley, b. O'Neill..... 0	R. B. Cooper, c. Stanley, b. O'Neill..... 0
R. Bass, c. Lammert, b. O'Neill..... 0	R. Bass, c. Lammert, b. O'Neill..... 0
E. Irving, not out..... 40	E. Irving, not out..... 40
S. E. Green, c. Day, b. Steele..... 41	S. E. Green, c. Day, b. Steele..... 41
R. Postonji, c. L. A. L. b. Steele..... 5	R. Postonji, c. L. A. L. b. Steele..... 5
H. Kinnaird, c. L. A. L. b. Steele..... 3	H. Kinnaird, c. L. A. L. b. Steele..... 3
Extras..... 3	Extras..... 3

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	OVERS.	MAIDENS.	WICKETS.
O'Neill..... 11	1	27	6
Woodruffe..... 9	2	24	1
Steele..... 3	1	6	1

## POLICE v. KOWLOON.

This match, which was to have been played on the Polos ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, was postponed owing to the untimely death of Mr. John R. Craik at the Kowloon Dock.

## FOOTBALL.

## "KENT" v. "TAMAR."

A match between H.M.S. Kent and H.M.S. Tamar was played at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a draw—No goals being scored. The teams were:—Kent: Stafford, McDonald and Palford; Luxon, Blair and Constable; Ellis, Tudor, Fletcher, Gort and Beustand. Tamar: Whiteway, Banford and Berrest; Brockman, Allum and Bailey; Whittides, Flowers, Pratt, Taylor and Coates.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL MATCH. A match was played on Saturday afternoon at Causeway Bay between teams representing the "Old" Boys and "Present" Boys of the Diocesan School, and ended in a win for the "Old" Boys by 4 goals to nil.

## RUGBY.

H. K. F. C. v. GARRISON. This match was played on Saturday afternoon in the Happy Valley in presence of a large number of spectators. The teams lined up as follows: Club—Back, A. Gregory; three-quarters, T. E. Pearce, C. M. Preslaw, P. C. Kendall and J. Hall; halves, J. C. Joughin and L. J. Blackburn; forwards, H. G. C. Bailey, H. M. Kendall, H. W. Lester, L. S. Greenhill, A. G. W. J. Daniel, B. G. Munro and G. G. Drakeford. Garrison—Back, Hill; three-quarters, Taylor, Lecky, Lousmann and Jones; halves, Hannay and Jotham; forwards, Tanking, Clamey, Holmes, Smith, Begon, Bennet, Hitchcock and Bowthorn.

Play on the whole ruled fairly even but the Club men proved very effective at goal. The score was: Club, 3 goals 2 tries. Garrison, 1 goal.

## YACHTING.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club had a good day's sport yesterday. The race for the championship proved keen and exciting, the winner being *Diana* (the Hon. Mr. F. H. May), followed by *Vernon* and *Elephant*. In the one design class the *Spirit* (Mr. W. H. Donald) won.

## "CHINA'S AWAKENING."

MORE APPARENT THAN REAL. A Tokyo correspondent says:—Public opinion in Japan, as expressed by the authorities and the newspapers, does not support the theory, which seems to be gaining ground in Europe, that China is awakening to such an extent as to become a menace. Recent events have not led to any change. As a result of the recent review of the Chinese army, it is stated that the troops were drilled for a purpose, not for the battlefield. At target practice, 200 metres being the limit of the range, and at tactical movements, the display was puny, morale and training being absent. Enlistment is an imperfect system of conscription, based upon a defective census, which has been faked, as the result of bribery, and the army was a collection of worthless and untrained recruits to whom gaudy and patriotic slogans are unknown. The reserves are still worse. So far as foreigners feel any fear, it is a ridiculous nightmare.

Yuan Shi-kai's interest in the creation of an army is merely to support his own Vice-regal position. The admiration which foreign critics displayed at the recent manoeuvres is considered ludicrous and superficial, and was certainly not shared by the Japanese officers present.

With regard to the recent plans of reform in the organisation of the Government at Peking, general disappointment is felt. It is urged that the almost Royal powers of the Viceroy must be shelved before any serious measures can be taken, and it is doubted whether they are capable of such a patriotic sacrifice. It is agreed that China must first of all have an army before she can recover her rights, prestige, and rank among the Powers, and at present this is not in sight.

Certain it is that Japan does not believe in the "awakening of China," and laughs at the visions of the "yellow peril" conjured up in the imaginations of the "Yellow Press" of England.

One singular feature commented on is the fact that in the competitive examinations for Government appointments taking the Chinese students who have been trained in England and America have beaten those educated in Japan. The reason is that a compulsory full curriculum is insisted on in those countries as against the superficial studies permitted in Japan.

## PEWEE MISSIONARIES.

## THE OLD CHAMBER OF ROMANCE HAS GONE.

There has been a great falling off in the number of volunteers for the foreign mission field of late. The latest body to deplore this scarcity is the Malayan Mission. "The staff of clergy and missionaries in the Solomon Islands has dropped from twenty-two to six," says the secretary on Nov. 8th. "Lady missionaries, however, are always to be found. Missionaries to other lands are almost as urgently wanted," he added, "and in most cases, as hard to get. China is only just recovering from what was practically a boycott on the part of foreign missionaries, caused, it is thought, by the Boxer rising. India's supply, too, does not nearly cope with the demand."

"The decrease in the number of missionary volunteers may be attributed to several causes. For one thing, well-to-do parents do not care to let their sons go to parts whence they may never return, while the glamour of romance that once surrounded foreign travel has died away, so that men of the upper classes do not throw considerations of the home ties to the winds, as they once did."

"The Malayan Mission, in particular, feels this difficulty, for our men are exactly on the other side of the world—as far away as possibly can be. The scarcity of men and the cost (£600 to £700) make it very difficult for us to give our missionaries families; and even when they are in England we have to put them to delegation work all over the country. They go on until they become exhausted, and return more like boys."

"The greatest help of a solution to the difficulty lies in inducing business men, especially those with a medical or teacher's training, to join our forces. In addition to the missionary men, who have hitherto formed our chief sources of supply."

Addressing a meeting of the Malayan Mission at the Church House, the Bishop of London said that the bishops at home came to plead for their brother bishops abroad.

It was mission work which kept the Church alive, and if Church people forgot the claims of the Church might die of respectability at home. "The Church had one, and only one, object—to convert the world. The bishop made fun of the globe-trotter who only stayed at the Hotel Metropole, did not look out for missions, and then said they did no good. (Laughter.)"

Canon Lyttelton declared it was a scandal that after 1800 years of Christianity not one boy in a hundred among the rich volunteered for the ministry either at home or abroad. There must be an amount of false religion to produce such a result.—Daily Mail.

## ABOLISHING A DEGRADING PRECEDENT.

Ever since the advent of the Manchu dynasty into China, when addressing the Throne Manchus of every degree were required to kneel themselves and call themselves "Nai-tai" or slaves, whilst Chinese designated themselves "Ch'en," or Ministers. Subsequently, certain military officers of the highest rank of Chinese descent, desiring to curry favour with the Emperor, also lowered themselves into calling themselves slaves when addressing their Sovereign (in practice much decried by their fellow-countrymen), so that it eventually became a precedent amongst military officers of Chinese descent always to call themselves slaves when memorializing, or verbally addressing, the Throne. We now hear that a large number of the highest officials of Peking have lately received His Majesty's order abolishing for ever the degrading custom of calling oneself a slave before the Throne, leaving that designation to eunuchs and bond-side slaves who have been bought and sold by their masters.—N.C. Daily News.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, 10th December, 1906. [2]

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## EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIA, AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY (LIMITED).

The 66th half-yearly general meeting was held last month at Electric House, Finlayson Road, Sir J. Wolfe Barry presiding. The chairman stated that the half-year under review, to June 30th last, compared with the corresponding period of 1905, when the Russo-Japanese war gave an abnormal impetus to telegraphic communications with the Far East. The gross revenue for the past half year amounted, in round figures, to £383,900, showing a decrease of £25,000 as compared with that for the corresponding period of 1905. This comparison was, however, somewhat misleading, because a considerable amount of revenue earned in 1904 was included in the revenue for the first half-year of 1905, unavoidable delay in adjusting their accounts with other telegraph administrations having prevented it from being credited to 1904, to which it really belonged. The actual decrease in traffic receipts between the two half-years of 1905 and 1906 was roundly £20,000 and this was entirely owing to the cessation of the exceptional traffic which was created by the Russo-Japanese war.

The Australian and other traffic which was not affected by the war continued to show a steady improvement, and the traffic of the East East was settling down to its normal conditions. As he had said on former occasions, though wars might produce spasmodic increases in the company's business, there could be no doubt that the true interest would round up in the real and steady progress of the countries which they served, and for which peace was so important. The working and other expenses amounted, in round figures, to £141,000, showing an increase of £5,000 when compared with those for the corresponding period of 1905. The "legal expenses," £135 8s. 10d., included in the statement of general expenses at that station, were incurred in resisting what the directors considered to be an unjust claim by the New Zealand Government for income-tax on the company's revenue from New Zealand traffic. The company's contention was that the tax was only assessable on the revenue earned on the company's cables between New Zealand and Australia, and not on revenue earned on the cables between Australia and India, as was claimed by the Government. The traffic in question being somewhat small, the tax did not represent a very considerable amount, but the principle involved was an important one, and the directors had felt that they must contest the claim. The Court of First Instance in New Zealand decided the question in the Government's favour, upon which the company appealed to the "supreme Court in New Zealand and the decision was reversed. Thereupon the Government appealed to the Privy Council, which unanimously decided in the company's favour on all points and dismissed the appeal. It would also interest the shareholders to learn that after many years' controversy with the British Indian Revenue officials and many appeals to the Special Commissioners of Income-tax against the imposition of the company's profits, having regard to the "life" of their cables, the question as to the proper amount to be allowed for depreciation of cables had at last been satisfactorily settled by mutual adjustment of views on both subject, and this question was not expected to be reopened for at least ten years. The net profit for the past half-year was £142,891, and after adding to it the credit balance brought forward, there remained an available balance of £163,958. The usual quarterly interim dividends of 2s. 6d. per share, or at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, had been paid for the past half year, leaving a balance of £28,958 to be carried forward. The only cable interruption during the half-year under review which materially affected the traffic was between New Zealand and Australia, when both their cables were broken down for several weeks, and the traffic had to be transmitted by the British Pacific cable. Unfortunately one of the cables of this system was interrupted, but as the other was working, the traffic did not on the present occasion in any way suffer. Their cable steamer *Patrol* was now on her way to effect repairs and renew the weak portions of both cables, and the journey to and from would involve her steaming over 10,000 miles. Since the close of the half-year several of the cables belonging to this and the associated companies had been interrupted by typhoons, earthquakes, and other disturbances, making it difficult at times to transmit the traffic with the usual satisfaction to the telegraphing public. As the shareholders were aware, many of the cables belonging to the associated companies had been laid, not because they were required for the efficient transmission of the daily traffic, but with a view to safeguarding the main lines of communication against total interruption. With this surplus transmission power provided for adverse contingencies, the company were enabled in ordinary circumstances to provide an exceptionally quick and satisfactory service, but when several cables—as sometimes happened without the public being aware of the fact—were simultaneously interrupted and the whole of the traffic had to be carried by the remaining cables, assisted by the alternative lines of the companies with whom this company had working arrangements, it was obvious that the same standard of excellence could not be maintained during such interruptions, and some allowances ought to be made by the public—and was, no doubt, made by them when they knew the facts—for the difficulties which the companies had so frequently to contend with. Since their last meeting the Pacific Cable Board had opened public offices in Sydney, and by increased canvassing and advertising, had endeavoured to secure a larger proportion of the Australasian traffic for their cable, but, so far, they did not appear to have met with much success in reimbursing them for their additional expenses and trouble. He concluded by moving the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by the Marquis of Tweeddale, and unanimously agreed to.

## SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Bitch, George & Co. say in their weekly share report dated December 15th.—There has been a pretty fair business going on during the week under review, being mostly confined, however, to settlement shares, especially in Indo-Chinese and Shanghai Stocks, which the northern port required to cover shorts. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closed at 2s. 2½d., while rates on Shanghai are 7½d. for a Bank T/T, and 7½d. for a three days' sight private bill, the rate in Shanghai on this for a three days' sight private bill being 7½d. Bankers in London are quoted at 31-11-16½, and Consols at 254½.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares sold at improving rates, from \$305 up to \$320 having been paid, the market closing steady at \$321; the London rate is £33. 10s. 0d. Nationals are unchanged, but without sales.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold at \$762½ and \$761, and have buyers at the lower rate. China Traders are on offer at \$95. North China have been done in the north at \$182, so we follow this quotation. Yangtze are on offer from the north at \$16. Cantsos sold at \$297½ and have further sellers.

PIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong sold in small parcels at \$35, and more are on offer; in fact with a firm offer shares could be had at a slightly lower figure. Chinas changed hands at \$93 and \$94, and remain on offer at \$94.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Manco Steamboat shares are rather weak with sellers at \$27; this Company has purchased the two H. A. Line Yun-tsz river steamers *Suifu* and *Suen* for £55,000. The steamers are expected here this month, and will be put on the Hongkong-Macao run, for which service they are said to be eminently well suited.

INDO-CHINA have been in strong demand by our northern friends to cover shorts for end of this month, and considerably sales have been effected at rates ranging between \$21 and \$20 per share; at latter rate more shares are wanted. The Shanghai rate is 6s. 6d. buyers, London quoted 6s. 5d.; 6s. 4d. buyers, London quoted 6s. 3d.; 6s. 2d. buyers, London quoted 6s. 1d.; 6s. 0d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 11d.; 5s. 10d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 9d.; 5s. 8d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 7d.; 5s. 6d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 5d.; 5s. 4d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 3d.; 5s. 2d. buyers, London quoted 5s. 1d.; 5s. 0d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 11d.; 4s. 10d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 9d.; 4s. 8d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 7d.; 4s. 6d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 5d.; 4s. 4d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 3d.; 4s. 2d. buyers, London quoted 4s. 1d.; 4s. 0d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 11d.; 3s. 10d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 9d.; 3s. 8d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 7d.; 3s. 6d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 5d.; 3s. 4d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 3d.; 3s. 2d. buyers, London quoted 3s. 1d.; 3s. 0d. buyers, London quoted 2s. 11d.; 2s. 10d. buyers, London quoted 2s. 9d.; 2s. 8d. buyers, London quoted 2s. 7d.; 2s. 6d. buyers, London quoted 2s. 5d.; 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LONDON and ANTWERP SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	FORMOSA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	About 19th December	Freight and Passage.
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SHANGHAI	DELTA Capt. C. L. Daniel	About 28th December	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c., via usual ports	DELHI Capt. J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	Noon, 29th December	See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1906.

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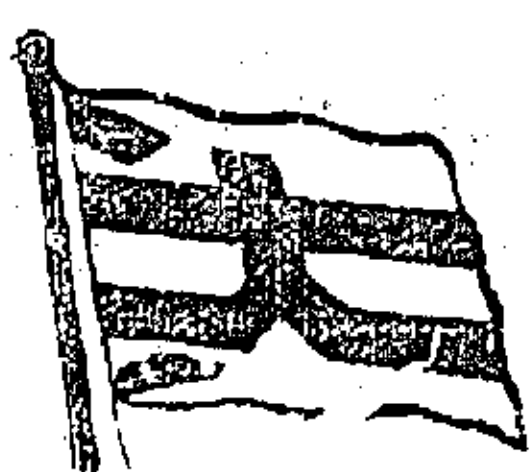
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T. ARIMA, Manager.

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# PASSENGER SEASON 1907.

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FARES:

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Hongkong, 11th October, 1906.

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# IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
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STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON  
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 19th December 1906
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 2nd January 1907
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 16th January
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 30th January
GNESSEN	WEDNESDAY 13th February
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 27th February
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY 13th March
ZIEFEN	WEDNESDAY 27th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 10th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 24th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of DECEMBER, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD," Captain H. Kiehnert, with MAILED PASSENGERS, GELS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 17th Dec. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 18th Dec. and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 18th Dec. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR	£51 0 0	£25 0 0	£22 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN	91 0 0	63 0 0	33 0 0

AND HAMBURG	95 0 0	44 0 0	24 0 0
TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	97 0 0	66 0 0	36 0 0
VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR	64 0 0	44 0 0	26 0 0
return	115 0 0	79 0 0	47 0 0
VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON	68 0 0	46 0 0	27 0 0
return	123 0 0	82 0 0	48 0 0

\* In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltair and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the same rates to be applied as via NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passengers' expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA: Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA, instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from CALCUTTA to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.

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HERBERTSHOEHE, MATUPI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY  
AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	SAILING DATES
SANDAKAN	FRIDAY, 4th Jan.
MANILA	FRIDAY, 1st Feb.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	THURSDAY, 28th Feb.

ON FRIDAY, the 4th JANUARY, at Noon, the Steamship "SANDAKAN," Captain Wendig, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this Port as above. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

To	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	1st Class	2nd Class
TO MANILA	\$50.	\$30.	\$20.	return	\$50.
TO NEW GUINEA	\$28.	\$18.	\$10.	return	\$27.15
TO BRISBANE	\$30.	\$20.	\$14.	return	\$54.
TO SYDNEY	\$33.	\$23.	\$15.	return	\$59.1
TO MELBOURNE	\$34.10	\$24.10	\$16.	return	\$62.5
TO YOKOHAMA	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	return	\$170.30
TO KOBÉ	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$16.00	return	\$170.30
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBÉ	\$140.00	\$100.00			

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SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN &amp; AUSTRALIAN SERVICE

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, "SEYDLITZ"	Wednesday, 18th Dec.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, "PRINZ HEINRICH"	Wednesday, 2nd Jan.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA	

TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers P.M.S.S. Co., O. & S.S. Co., T. K. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following Rates:—

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# PASSENGER SEASON 1907.

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"PRINZESS ALICE" 10,911, ON MARCH 13th.  
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Hongkong, 12th October, 1906.

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R.M.S.	Proposed Sailings.	(Subject to Alteration).	Leave Hongkong	Arrive Vancouver
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	THURSDAY, 20th Dec.	7th Jan.	
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 9th Jan.	2nd Feb.	
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	THURSDAY, 17th Jan.	4th Feb.	
"MONTEAGLE"	6,113	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Jan.	16th Feb.	
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	THURSDAY, 14th Feb.	4th Mar.	
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.	16th Mar.	

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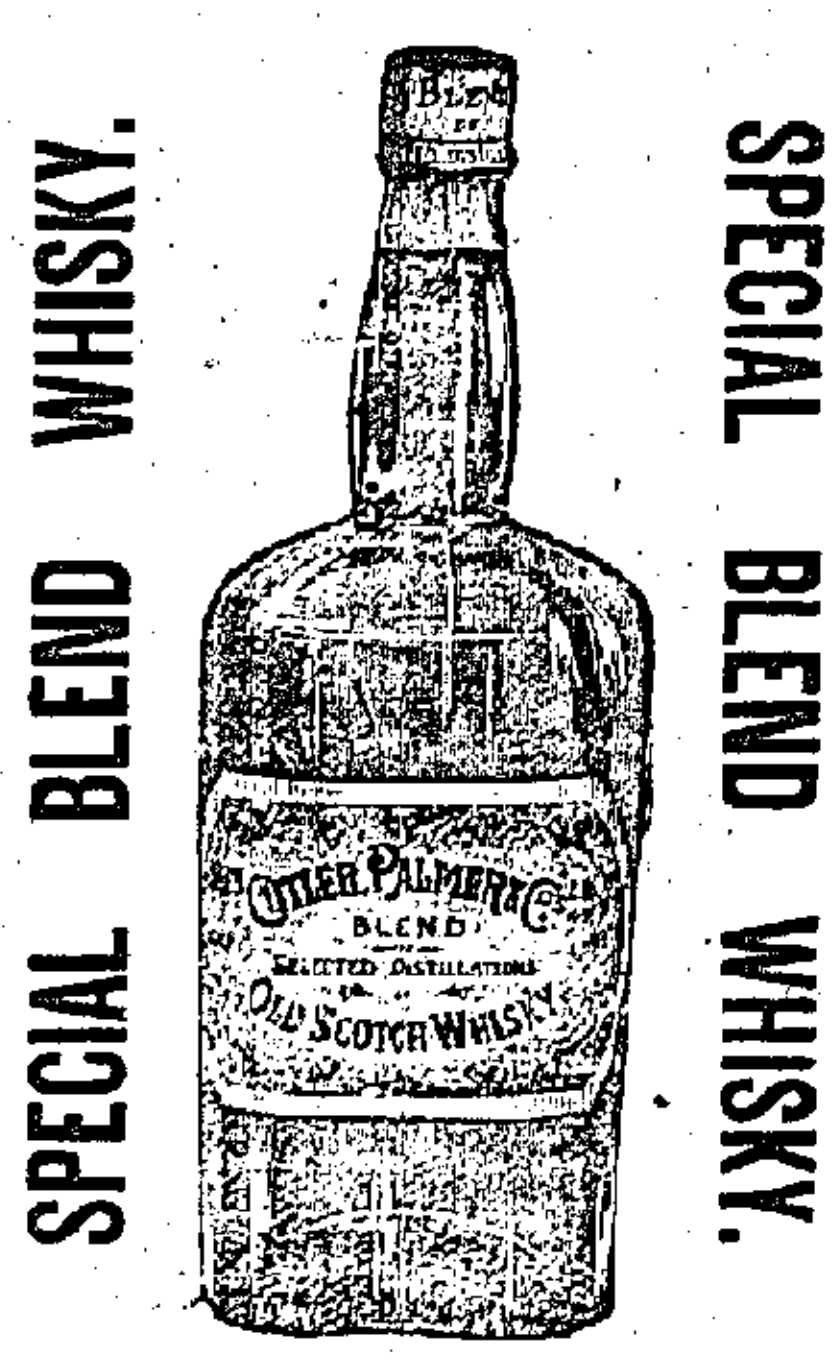
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